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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Five Points Village Attainable Housing Community, Sanford, FL Seminole County, District 7 in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Christian Sharing Center DBA The Sharing Center located at 600 N. HWY 17-92, Suite 130, Longwood, FL 32750.

The funding would be used to construct an attainable housing apartment community, including approximately 80 units, in Sanford, FL to be rented by economically disadvantaged families and individuals seeking financial self-sustainability. Funds will support reducing the housing cost burden for underserved families and individuals working towards stability and increasing the affordable housing inventory in Seminole County.

Funding will support material, labor, and services in construction of approximately 80 attainable housing units, dedicated to low-income families and individuals. The apartment community will include an estimated 16 1-bedroom apartments, 16 3-bedroom apartments and 48 2-bedroom apartments for rent to limited income households. The Sharing Center will staff the Five Points Village with a case manager to assist clients with accessing community resources, connecting with The Sharing Center's comprehensive services, and overcoming barriers to stability. As a result of the construction of the attainable housing village, 80 households will gain supportive permanent housing and reduce their housing burden.

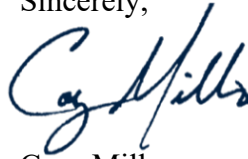
The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will prevent and reduce homelessness by increasing the affordable housing inventory in Seminole County. Additionally, increasing the attainable housing inventory in Seminole County will have a positive impact on renters who have previously been overburdened with housing expenses (defined by spending more than 30% of income on housing) by reducing the sacrifices to nutrition, health and safety individuals are forced to make due to tight budgets. Through a commitment to attainable housing prices, families will not be forced to sacrifice other needs to meet housing payments and will therefore improve their quality of life and overall health. Increasing the attainable housing inventory in Seminole County will reduce the toxic stress and anxiety caused by financial burdens for renters at Five Points Village.

The Seminole County Consolidated Plan, as well as the Collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment both name affordable housing as a high priority for Seminole County and the Central Florida community at large. Currently average mortgage rates are nearly double compared to last year, while housing prices are also up more than 10%. In Central Florida, there is a deficit of over 75,000 affordable housing units for those earning 50% or less of the area median income.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cory Mills". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cory" and last name "Mills" clearly distinguishable.

Cory Mills
Member of Congress